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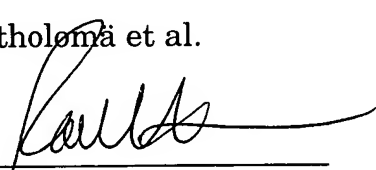
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Respectfully submitted,

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AA	6,179,340	01/2001	Adolf et al.				
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AC	0 923 177	06/1999	Europe			*		
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